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**NOTICE OF FILING OF ATTACHMENTS TO PETITION
FOR RECONSIDERATION BY THE RURAL INDEPENDENT COALITION
OF SMALL LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS AND COOPERATIVES**

The Coalition of Small LECs and Cooperatives (the "Coalition") hereby provides notice of the filing of Attachments A, B, and C to its Petition For Reconsideration By The Rural Independent Coalition Of Small Local Exchange Carriers And Cooperatives filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on September 16, 2004, which attachments were omitted from the original filed document.

Respectfully submitted,

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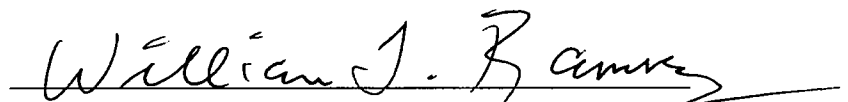
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BEFORE THE
GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Petition for Declaratory Ruling
Regarding Transit Traffic

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Docket No. 16772-U

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") is made and entered into by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), the Georgia Telephone Association ("GTA") and its member companies as defined herein, the wireless division of ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL"), AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC and Tritel Communications, Inc. (collectively "AT&T Wireless"), Celco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless"), BellSouth Mobility LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless and BellSouth Personal Communications LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless, Inc. (collectively "Cingular"), and Sprint Spectrum L P., d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint PCS"), on their own behalf and on behalf of their past, present and future agents, employees, successors, assigns and anyone claiming for the benefit of any of them (collectively referred to as "the Parties")

In consideration of the mutual agreements, undertakings and representations contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1.00 Definitions

1.01 For purposes of this Settlement Agreement only, the Parties agree to utilize the definitions set forth in this Section 1.00

1.02 "CMRS Provider" is a telecommunications carrier providing commercial mobile radio service within the meaning of 47 C F R § 20, *et seq*,

1.03 "Covered CMRS Transit Traffic" is defined as telecommunications traffic originated by a subscriber of a CMRS Provider that transits BellSouth's network to a GTA member company for termination to the GTA member company's customer.

1.04 "GTA Member Companies" are defined as the following local exchange companies holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity in Georgia that comprise the membership of the Georgia Telephone Association, including ALLTEL Communications, Alma Telephone Company, Brantley Telephone Company, Inc., Bulloch Telephone Cooperative, Citizens Telephone Company, Inc., Coastal Utilities, Inc., Comsouth Telecommunications, Inc.,

EXHIBIT

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Darien Telephone Company, Inc., Ellijay Telephone Company, Frontier Communications of Georgia, Frontier Communications of Fairmount, GT Com, Glenwood Telephone Company, Hart Telephone Company, Interstate Telephone Company, Pembroke Telephone Company, Inc., Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Plant Telecommunications, Planters Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Progressive Rural Telephone Co-Op, Inc., Public Service Telephone Company, TDS Telecom/Blue Ridge Telephone Company, TDS Telecom/Camden Telephone Company, TDS Telecom/Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company, TDS Telecom/Quincy Telephone Company, Waverly Hall Telephone LLC, and Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company.

1 05 "Signatory CMRS Providers" are defined as ALLTEL, AT&T Wireless, Verizon Wireless, Cingular, and Sprint PCS.

1.06 The "Act" refers to the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2.00 Specific Terms

- 2 01 BellSouth and the GTA Member Companies will continue to handle Covered CMRS Transit Traffic consistent with the terms of their respective Interconnection Agreements and all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto, including, but not limited to, the network provisioning, transport, termination, and billing and collection of such traffic.
- 2 02 Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 2.01, BellSouth shall compensate the GTA Member Companies for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic at a rate of \$0.0250 per minute Subject to Section 3.0 below, such compensation will only be paid by BellSouth for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic during the duration of this Settlement Agreement. This rate is separate and apart and not inclusive of facility charges that may be due from BellSouth or the GTA members in connection with the facilities used to interconnect BellSouth's and the GTA Member Companies' networks The GTA Member Companies agree not to seek any compensation from a Signatory CMRS Provider for any Covered CMRS Transit Traffic for which BellSouth has paid prior to the effective date of this Settlement Agreement, or is obligated to pay the GTA Member Companies.
- 2 03 BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Providers will continue to handle Covered CMRS Transit Traffic consistent with the terms of their respective Interconnection Agreements and all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto, including, but not limited to, the network provisioning, transport, termination, and billing and collection of such traffic
- 2 04 Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 2.03, the Signatory CMRS Providers shall compensate BellSouth for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic at a rate of \$0.010 per

minute, unless the CMRS Provider is compensating the GTA Member Company directly for such traffic pursuant to an existing interconnection agreement, in which case the terms of that agreement shall govern. Subject to Section 3.0 below, such compensation will only be paid by the Signatory CMRS Providers during the duration of this Settlement Agreement. Such compensation shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other compensation that may be due BellSouth for transiting traffic under the terms of the current Interconnection Agreements between BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Providers, including all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto. BellSouth agrees not to seek any additional compensation from a Signatory CMRS Provider for any Covered CMRS Transit Traffic for which BellSouth has paid prior to the effective date of this Settlement Agreement, or is obligated to pay the GTA Member Companies.

- 2.05 Nothing herein shall affect, modify, or supercede any existing interconnection agreement between a Signatory CMRS Provider and a GTA Member Company. Such existing interconnection agreements shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with the existing terms and conditions contained in such agreements. A Signatory CMRS Provider and GTA Member Company shall provide BellSouth with a copy of any such interconnection agreement or, if publicly available, indicate where such a copy may be obtained.

3.00 Duration

- 3.01 This Settlement Agreement will take effect June 1, 2003 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2004, at which time all duties, rights, and obligations hereunder will terminate.
- 3.02 Nothing herein shall preclude the GTA Member Companies and the Signatory CMRS Providers from negotiating interconnection agreements consistent with the requirements of Sections 251 and 252 of the Act. Such negotiations, which may include rates, terms, and conditions for indirect and direct interconnection arrangements under Section 251(a) of the Act and reciprocal compensation arrangements under Section 251(b) of the Act, shall be conducted in good faith. In the event such negotiations are unsuccessful and the GPSC is asked to arbitrate any open issues, the Parties shall submit to the arbitration process and deadlines set forth in Section 252(b) of the Act to settle any open issues relating to direct or indirect interconnection or reciprocal compensation arrangements, pursuant to Sections 251(a) and 251(b) of the Act, respectively.
- 3.03 Notwithstanding Sections 3.01 and 3.02, upon execution of any interconnection agreement between a GTA Member Company and a Signatory CMRS Provider subsequent to the date of this Settlement Agreement, the GTA Member Company and the Signatory CMRS Provider shall exchange traffic and compensate one

another consistent with the terms of that agreement, and BellSouth's obligation to compensate that GTA Member Company for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic as set forth in Section 2.02 and that Signatory CMRS Provider's obligation to compensate BellSouth for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic as set forth in Section 2.04 will cease.

- 3.04 A GTA Member Company and a Signatory CMRS Provider shall provide BellSouth with a copy of any interconnection agreement that the parties may execute subsequent to the date of this Settlement Agreement or, if publicly available, indicate where such a copy may be obtained

4.00 No Admission of Liability

- 4.01 It is understood and agreed between the Parties that this Settlement Agreement is a compromise of compensation arrangements and any payments hereunder are not to be construed as an admission of liability or the appropriateness of the level of compensation on the part of any of the Parties, which is expressly denied.
- 4.02 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any of the rights or obligations imposed by Sections 251 or 252 of the Act.
- 4.03 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall preclude any Party from participating in any GPSC proceeding or proceeding before the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") relating to any issue, including transit traffic or interconnection with rural carriers or from petitioning the GPSC or the FCC to resolve any issue, including those related to transit traffic and interconnection with rural carriers. The Parties reach this Settlement Agreement without waiving or prejudicing any positions they have taken previously, or may take in the future, in any judicial, legislative, regulatory, or other public forum addressing any matters, including matters specifically related to, or other types of arrangements prescribed in this Settlement Agreement.

5.00 Warranties

- 5.01 The Parties represent and warrant that they have the sole right and exclusive authority to execute this Settlement Agreement and to make or receive payments hereunder.
- 5.02 The Parties represent and warrant that they have fully read and understand the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and have freely and voluntarily executed this Settlement Agreement. The Parties represent and warrant that they enter into this

Settlement Agreement without reliance upon any statement, inducement, promise or representation of the other Party or anyone else not fully expressed herein.

- 5.03 The Parties represent and warrant that they will not, directly or indirectly, seek to have a regulatory agency or court continue this Settlement Agreement or extend the duties, rights, and obligations hereunder beyond the duration of the Settlement Agreement as set forth in Section 3.00.

6.00 Entire Agreement and Successors in Interest

- 6.01 This Settlement Agreement reflects the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the settlement contemplated herein, supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements, understandings, communications, representations or warranties, both oral and written, related to the subject matter hereof, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the executors, administrators, personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and successors of each Party.

7.00 Severability of Provisions

- 7.01 The Parties agree that any provision of this Settlement Agreement, which is or becomes prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability, without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction. In the event of the prohibition or unenforceability of any provision of this Settlement Agreement in any jurisdiction, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith to revise such provision to accomplish the intent of the Parties in a manner permissible and enforceable within such jurisdiction.

8.0 Governing Law

- 8.01 The Settlement Agreement including all matters of construction, validity and performance shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Georgia without giving effect to the choice of law or conflicts of law provisions thereof

9.0 Additional Documents and Negotiations

- 9.01 The Parties agree to cooperate fully and execute any and all supplementary documents and to take all additional actions that may be necessary or appropriate

to give full force and effect to the terms and intent of this Settlement Agreement, including, but not limited to, resolving any and all operational issues associated with the implementation of the Settlement Agreement.

- 9.02 Upon execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties agree to work cooperatively to identify and resolve any other issues associated with the handling of traffic exchanged between the Parties' networks
- 9.03 Nothing herein shall preclude any GTA Member Company subject to rate-based rate of return regulation from seeking, consistent with applicable law, to recover revenues lost if any, as a result of the implementation of this Settlement Agreement through a filing before the GPSC.

10.0 Counterparts

- 10.1 This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have fully executed this Settlement Agreement as of this
1st day of May, 2003

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: _____
Title: _____

GEORGIA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION on
behalf of, and with the explicit consent of the GTA
Member Companies as defined herein

By: _____
Title: _____

ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: _____
Title: _____

AT&T WIRELESS PCS, LLC, on behalf of itself
and its affiliate Tritel Communications, Inc.

By: _____
Title: _____

CELLCO PARTNERSHIP,
d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS

By: _____
Title: _____

BELLSOUTH MOBILITY LLC d/b/a CINGULAR
WIRELESS and BELLSOUTH PERSONAL
COMMUNICATIONS LLC d/b/a CINGULAR
WIRELESS

By: _____
Title: _____

SPRINT SPECTRUM L P , d/b/a SPRINT PCS

By _____
Title _____

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April 23, 2004

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Public Service Commission
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Re: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Seeking Resolution of Third Party Transit Traffic Issues
KPSC 2003-00045


Dear Mr. Dorman:

The parties, including BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), the rural independent local exchange carriers ("Rural LECs"), and the Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers, after more than a year of negotiations, have been successful in negotiating the rates and the term of a three-party settlement agreement regarding third party CMRS transit traffic. The original and ten (10) copies of the Agreement are enclosed for filing in this case. All parties have reached agreement but we are awaiting receipt of the signatures of certain CMRS providers (Verizon Wireless and Comscape) and Alltel and we will file those signature pages as soon as we receive them.

The parties respectfully request expedited treatment of this matter with approval of the Agreement, with signatures attached, by April 30 so that the Agreement will have an effective date of May 1, 2004

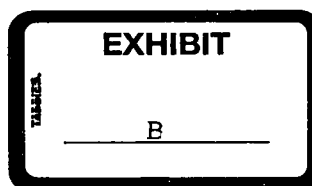
All parties appreciate the Commission's consideration and patience in this process.

Very truly yours,


for Dorothy J. Chambers

Enclosures
cc: Parties of Record

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of.

Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,
Inc. Seeking Resolution of Third Party
Transit Traffic Issues

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Case No 2003-00045

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), the Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers listed in Exhibit A hereto ("Signatory CMRS Providers"), and the rural independent local exchange carriers listed in Exhibit B hereto ("Rural LECs"), on their own behalf and on behalf of their past, present and future agents, employees, successors, assigns and anyone claiming for the benefit of any of them (collectively referred to as "the Parties").

Whereas, BellSouth has entered into various interconnection agreements with CMRS Providers under which BellSouth has offered and is providing intermediary tandem switching and transport services to such CMRS Providers for the delivery of CMRS Provider Traffic to the Rural LECs' networks for termination.

Whereas, under the "Kentucky Restructured Settlement Plan," BellSouth and the Rural LECs have established interconnection facilities and an interconnection point between their networks, and agreed to contractual terms and conditions pursuant to the "Kentucky Restructured Settlement Plan"; and

Whereas, by this Agreement, the Parties are agreeing to terms, as set forth herein, under which BellSouth may and shall deliver CMRS Provider Traffic, to the extent such traffic is delivered to BellSouth by the CMRS Providers, to the networks of the Rural LECs over the existing facilities referred to above.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual agreements, undertakings and representations contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1.00 Definitions

For purposes of this Agreement only, the Parties agree to utilize the definitions set forth in this Section 1.00.

1.01 "Act" refers to the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.



1.02 "CMRS Provider" is a telecommunications carrier providing commercial mobile radio service within the meaning of 47 C.F.R. § 20, et seq.

1.03 "CMRS Provider Traffic" is defined as Telecommunications traffic originated by a subscriber of a CMRS Provider for which BellSouth provides to a Signatory CMRS Provider intermediary tandem switching, and transport (i.e., transit functions) for delivery of such traffic to a Rural LEC for termination on the Rural LEC's network over the facilities established between BellSouth and the Rural LEC for such purposes, according to the terms of this Agreement.

1.04 "Commission" or "KPSC" means the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

1.05 "Covered CMRS Provider Traffic" is defined as CMRS Provider Traffic of a Signatory CMRS Provider for which BellSouth generates and delivers to the terminating Rural LEC accurate industry standard call detail records identifying the originating CMRS Provider and minutes of use for such CMRS Provider Traffic (currently known as "110101 format message and billing records").

1.06 "Kentucky Restructured Settlement Plan" or "KRSP" is the Order of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky dated January 23, 1991, in Phase I of Administrative Case No. 323.

1.07 "Rural LECs" are defined as those local exchange companies ("LECs") as set forth in Exhibit B to this Agreement.

1.08 "Signatory CMRS Providers" are defined as the Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers as set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

1.09 "Telecommunications" is as defined in the Act.

2.00 Specific Terms

2.01 Pursuant to this Agreement, BellSouth may deliver, for termination, Signatory CMRS Provider Traffic to the Rural LECs' networks in the same manner, and over the same trunking facilities, as established pursuant to the KRSP Plan.

2.02 For purposes of this Agreement, Signatory CMRS Providers are limited to those CMRS providers that possess a CMRS license for CMRS service within a Major Trading Area(s) within Kentucky.

2.03 Reserved For Future Use.

2.04 BellSouth may deliver to the Rural LECs Signatory CMRS Provider Traffic for which BellSouth does not provide industry standard call detail records identifying the originating CMRS Provider and the minutes of CMRS Provider Traffic for each such provider (currently

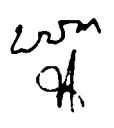


known as "110101 format message billing records") subject to all of the following terms: (a) BellSouth must establish mutually agreeable exchange of data and administrative processes with the Rural LECs to provide complete and accurate documentation of such traffic that will permit the Rural LECs to track, verify, and audit such CMRS Provider Traffic, and (b) the Rural LECs will bill BellSouth (or in those instances where the Rural LEC does not bill BellSouth, BellSouth will provide compensation through the monthly settlement process with that Rural LEC) and BellSouth shall compensate the Rural LECs in the same manner that it compensates the Rural LECs for intrastate access traffic as described in Section 2.01 above, provided, however, that the rate at which such CMRS Provider Traffic is compensated shall be \$0.027 per minute of use following the Effective Date of this Agreement and continuing through December 31, 2005. BellSouth will compensate the Rural LECs at a rate of \$0.022 per minute of use from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The Rural LECs will adjust the billing for the total traffic over the KRSP facility which is billed (or due through settlements), and due from, BellSouth to account for the minutes of CMRS Provider Traffic that is within the scope of this paragraph. BellSouth shall make payment to the Rural LECs pursuant to this Section 2.04, in immediately available U.S. funds, no later than 30 days after the invoice date. BellSouth shall continue to bill each Signatory CMRS Provider amounts due BellSouth from the Signatory CMRS Provider under the terms of the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth and the CMRS Provider, including all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto.

2.05 The Rural LECs agree not to seek compensation from a Signatory CMRS Provider for (1) any CMRS Provider Traffic delivered by BellSouth to the Rural LECs pursuant to this Agreement; or (2) any CMRS Provider Traffic delivered by BellSouth to the Rural LECs prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement for which BellSouth compensates or has previously compensated the Rural LECs upon the same terms and conditions required of traffic terminated under the KRSP or on terms which are otherwise agreed to by the Rural LECs.

2.06 Except as required by this Agreement, BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Providers will treat CMRS Provider Traffic, including Covered CMRS Provider Traffic, consistent with the terms of the respective interconnection agreements between BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Providers and all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto, including, but not limited to, the network provisioning, transport, termination, and billing and collection of such traffic.

2.07 Beginning on the Effective Date of this Agreement, and ending on December 31, 2005, the Rural LECs shall invoice, and BellSouth shall make payment to the Rural LECs for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic pursuant to this Section in immediately available U.S. funds, no later than thirty (30) days after the invoice date, at a rate of \$0.025 per minute of use unless an interconnection agreement between the Signatory CMRS Provider and the Rural LEC governs pursuant to the provisions and conditions set forth in Section 2.08. Beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2006, and unless an interconnection agreement between the Signatory CMRS Provider and the Rural LEC governs pursuant to the provisions and conditions set forth in Section 2.08, the Rural LECs shall invoice, and BellSouth shall make payment to the Rural LECs pursuant to this Section for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic in immediately available U.S. funds, no later than thirty (30) days after the invoice date, at a rate of \$0.015 per



minute of use Subject to the audit provisions set forth below in this subsection, the Signatory CMRS Providers and the Rural LECs agree to accept BellSouth's measurement of minutes of use and industry standard call detail records as the basis for the billing from and compensation to the Rural LECs for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic as set forth in this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any party may request an audit of such measurements within twelve months of the applicable billing date. The Rural LECs will deduct the minutes of use for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic described in this Section from the total KRSP facility minutes of use which is billed to (or due through settlements), and due from, BellSouth Beginning on the Effective Date of this Agreement and through the period ending on December 31, 2006, the Signatory CMRS Providers shall compensate BellSouth for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic at a rate of \$0.015 per minute of use, unless an interconnection agreement between the Signatory CMRS Provider and the Rural LEC governs pursuant to the provisions and conditions set forth in Section 2.08. BellSouth shall continue to bill each Signatory CMRS Provider amounts due BellSouth from the Signatory CMRS Provider for transit functions performed by BellSouth under the terms of the interconnection agreement between BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Provider, including all effective Annexes and Attachments.

2.08 Nothing herein shall affect, modify, or supercede any existing interconnection agreement between a Signatory CMRS Provider and a Rural LEC. Such existing interconnection agreements shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with the existing terms and conditions contained in such agreements. Nothing herein shall affect any Party's right to seek interconnection with any carrier, including with a carrier that is a Party to this Agreement, or preclude any Party from negotiating an interconnection agreement with another Party consistent with Sections 251 and 252 of the Act. Moreover, in the event that a Signatory CMRS Provider and a Rural LEC execute an interconnection agreement after the Effective Date of this Agreement, such agreement shall supersede the rights and obligations set forth in this Agreement only to the extent the interconnection agreement specifically provides for the termination of CMRS Provider Traffic otherwise covered by this Agreement.

2.09 This Agreement applies solely to the Telecommunications traffic specifically defined within the scope of this Agreement. As such, the terms of this Agreement do not apply to any other facilities, any other traffic that is switched or transported over any other facilities, or to traffic of any carrier that is not a CMRS Provider. For any other CMRS Provider Traffic that BellSouth delivers to a Rural LEC for termination that is not covered under Sections 2.04 and 2.07 of this Agreement (i.e., traffic from a CMRS Provider that is not a signatory to this Agreement), BellSouth agrees to compensate the Rural LECs for such traffic during the term of this Agreement under the same terms and conditions as traffic terminated by BellSouth under the KRSP.

2.10 For Covered CMRS Provider Traffic, BellSouth is responsible for providing to the appropriate terminating Rural LEC accurate industry standard call detail records identifying the originating CMRS Provider and the minutes of CMRS Provider Traffic for each such provider (currently known as "110101 format message and billing records"). BellSouth will provide such records to the terminating Rural LEC not later than 60 days after such usage occurs. The Signatory CMRS Providers are responsible for providing to BellSouth complete and

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accurate information regarding the billing address and billing contacts for the Signatory CMRS Providers. BellSouth will provide its billing address and contact information to the Rural LECs.

2.11 The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement only apply on and after the Effective Date of this Agreement. With respect to the Signatory CMRS Providers, BellSouth agrees not to seek any additional compensation from a Signatory CMRS Provider for any Covered CMRS Provider Traffic for which BellSouth has paid, or has agreed to pay, the Rural LECs prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2.12 Any undisputed charges incurred pursuant to this Agreement that are not timely paid by BellSouth to the Rural LECs, or are not timely paid by a Signatory CMRS Provider to BellSouth, will accrue interest from the date such amounts were due at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month or (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under applicable law. The Parties agree that interest shall accrue and be paid on all overdue disputed amounts that are resolved in favor of the non-disputing party.

3.00 Term and Termination of the Agreement

3.01 This Agreement will become effective on the first calendar day of the month following KPSC approval (the "Effective Date"). This Agreement has an absolute termination date of December 31, 2006 regardless of, and in addition to, any other provisions herein under which this Agreement may be terminated by any Party. Therefore, all duties, rights, and obligations hereunder terminate on December 31, 2006. BellSouth and the Rural LECs shall commence no later than January 1, 2006 the negotiation of interconnection agreements as may be necessary to govern BellSouth's provision of transit service defining the relative rights and responsibilities between BellSouth and the Rural LECs with respect to any continuing CMRS provider traffic terminated to the Rural LECs. In the event that any Signatory CMRS provider desires to continue to route CMRS Provider Traffic destined for the Rural LECs through BellSouth's network after the expiration of this Agreement, the Signatory CMRS provider must initiate interconnection negotiations with the Rural LECs consistent with Section 251 and Section 252 of the Act by no later than January 1, 2006. Such negotiations, which may include but are not limited to rates, terms, and conditions of interconnection between and among the Parties, shall be conducted in good faith. In the event such negotiations are unsuccessful and the Commission is asked to arbitrate any open issues, the Parties shall submit to the arbitration processes and deadlines as set forth in Section 252(b) of the Act to settle any open issues relating to interconnection and compensation arrangements between and among the Parties. For purposes of determining all deadlines related to the negotiation and arbitration pursuant to this Section, the request date for all negotiations shall be deemed to be January 1, 2006 unless the actual request date for negotiations under Section 251 and 252 of the Act is earlier. The Parties agree that this Agreement will not prejudice the negotiations in any way.

3.02 In the event of Default by a Party, as defined below in this subsection, any of the non-defaulting Parties may terminate any and all terms and conditions of this Agreement with respect to the defaulting Party provided that a non-defaulting Party seeking termination with respect to the defaulting Party notifies the defaulting Party and the KPSC and any other affected

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Party in writing of the Default, the defaulting Party does not cure the alleged Default with thirty (30) days after receipt of such written notice, and the KPSC consents to the termination. With respect to a Defaulting Party, Default is defined as: (a) that Party's material breach of any of the material terms of this Agreement, including the compensation terms, or (b) any aspect of a Party's operations or actions that are determined by a court with proper jurisdiction or the Commission to be unlawful or not authorized.

3.03 The Parties agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement related to the network arrangement for CMRS Provider Traffic, including specifically, but not limited to, BellSouth's provision of tandem switching of CMRS Provider Traffic and the delivery of that CMRS Provider Traffic to the Rural LECs over the same trunks that BellSouth uses to deliver its own interexchange service traffic, and compensation arrangements between and among the Parties for the Rural LEC's termination of such CMRS Provider Traffic, is a voluntary arrangement and represents a compromise between and among the Parties for the limited purpose of this Agreement, and does not create and should not be construed to create any obligations that do not otherwise apply to any Party. Notwithstanding the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, each Party has the right, at its sole discretion, to modify its network (including but not limited to the right to design and deploy its own network and facilities, upgrade its network, modify its end office and tandem switching hierarchy and/or architecture, modify trunking arrangements with other carriers, install new equipment or software, maintain its network, determine and designate the tandem switch(es) which its end offices will subtend for any traffic), except that the Parties agree for the limited term during which this Agreement remains in place between and among the Parties, they will not make any such modifications which materially alter, interfere with, disrupt, or discontinue the ability of the Signatory CMRS Providers to deliver CMRS Provider Traffic to the Rural LECs via BellSouth's network. This agreement to commit to keep in place these network arrangements for the limited term of this Agreement does not affect any Party's right to modify such arrangements following the term of this Agreement.

3.04 The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement will be filed with the Commission in Docket No. 2003-00045. The Parties agree that they will support approval of this Agreement before the Commission in settlement of such Docket as it relates to the issues in this Agreement.

4.00 No Waiver

4.01 The Parties agree that this Agreement represents a voluntary arrangement and compromise between and among the Parties, including the terms and conditions for compensation, and any compensation terms hereunder should not be construed as the agreement of any Party as to the appropriateness of such level of compensation.

4.02 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create legal or regulatory requirements for the Parties that do not otherwise apply. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by any of the Parties of any of the rights afforded, or obligations imposed, by Sections 251 or 252 of the Act. The terms of the arrangements set forth in this Agreement shall not prejudice the outcome of any subsequent interconnection negotiations or arbitrations.

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**BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In Re:

Petition for Emergency Relief and
Request for Standstill Order by the
Mississippi Incumbent Rural
Independent Telephone Companies

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Docket No. 2003-AD-235

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") is made and entered into by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), the Mississippi Incumbent Rural Independent Telephone Companies ("ICOs") as defined herein, AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC, AMT Cellular, LLC, DigiCall, Inc., TeleCorp Communications, Inc., and Tritel Communications, Inc., (collectively "AT&T Wireless"), Verizon Wireless Personal Communications LP d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Verizon Wireless Tennessee Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (collectively "Verizon Wireless"), BellSouth Mobility LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless and BellSouth Personal Communications LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless, Inc (collectively "Cingular"), Sprint Spectrum L P. and SprintCom ("Sprint"), and Centennial Southeast License Company, LLC d/b/a Centennial Wireless ("Centennial") on their own behalf and on behalf of their past, present and future agents, employees, successors, assigns and anyone claiming for the benefit of any of them (collectively referred to as "the Parties")

In consideration of the mutual agreements, undertakings and representations contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1.00 Definitions

1 01 For purposes of this Settlement Agreement only, the Parties agree to utilize the definitions set forth in this Section 1.00.

1.02 "CMRS Provider" is a telecommunications carrier providing commercial mobile radio service within the meaning of 47 C.F.R. § 20, *et seq.*,

1 03 "Covered CMRS Transit Traffic" is defined as telecommunications traffic originated by a subscriber of a CMRS Provider that transits BellSouth's network to an ICO for termination to the ICO's customer.

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1 04 "ICOs" are defined as the local exchange companies holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity in Mississippi that are listed on Exhibit A to this Settlement Agreement

1 05 "Signatory CMRS Providers" are defined as AT&T Wireless, Verizon Wireless, Cingular, Sprint and Centennial.

1 06 The "Act" refers to the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2.00 Specific Terms

2 01 BellSouth and the ICOs will continue to handle Covered CMRS Transit Traffic consistent with the terms of their respective agreements and all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto, including, but not limited to, the network provisioning, transport, termination, and billing and collection of such traffic.

2.02 Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 2.01, BellSouth shall compensate the ICOs for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic at a rate of \$0.0250 per minute, unless the CMRS Provider is compensating the ICO directly for such traffic pursuant to an existing interconnection agreement, in which case the terms of that agreement shall apply. Subject to Section 3 0 below, such compensation will only be paid by BellSouth for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic during the duration of this Settlement Agreement. This rate is separate and apart and not inclusive of facility charges that may be due from BellSouth or the ICOs in connection with the facilities used to interconnect BellSouth's and the ICOs' networks. The ICOs agree not to seek any compensation from a Signatory CMRS Provider for any Covered CMRS Transit Traffic for which BellSouth has paid prior to the effective date of this Settlement Agreement, or is obligated to pay the ICOs.

2.03 BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Providers will continue to handle Covered CMRS Transit Traffic consistent with the terms of their respective interconnection agreements and all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto, including, but not limited to, the network provisioning, transport, termination, and billing and collection of such traffic

2 04 Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 2.03, the Signatory CMRS Providers shall compensate BellSouth for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic for which BellSouth has provided industry standard call detail records at a rate of \$0.010 per minute, unless the CMRS Provider is compensating the ICO directly for such traffic pursuant to an existing interconnection agreement, in which case the terms of that agreement shall govern. Subject to Section 3.0 below, such compensation will only be paid by the Signatory CMRS Providers during the duration of this

Settlement Agreement. Such compensation shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other compensation that may be due BellSouth for transiting traffic under the terms of the current Interconnection Agreements between BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Providers, including all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto. BellSouth agrees not to seek any additional compensation from a Signatory CMRS Provider for any Covered CMRS Transit Traffic for which BellSouth has paid prior to the effective date of this Settlement Agreement, or is obligated to pay the ICOs pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

- 2.05 Nothing herein shall affect, modify, or supercede any existing interconnection agreement between a Signatory CMRS Provider and an ICO. Such existing interconnection agreements shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with the existing terms and conditions contained in such agreements. A Signatory CMRS Provider and ICO shall provide BellSouth with a copy of any such interconnection agreement or, if publicly available, indicate where such a copy may be obtained.

3.00 Duration

- 3 01 This Settlement Agreement will take effect July 1, 2003 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2004, at which time all duties, rights, and obligations hereunder will terminate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties shall apply the compensation provisions of this Agreement retroactively to April 10, 2003 for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic.
- 3 02 The Signatory CMRS Providers and the ICOs agree that either may request interconnection from any or each of the others at any time, and that the ICOs and Signatory CMRS Providers will negotiate and arbitrate pursuant to Sections 251(a) and (b) and 252 of the Act with respect to negotiations and arbitrations of interconnection agreements. Accordingly, nothing herein shall preclude the ICOs and the Signatory CMRS Providers from negotiating interconnection agreements consistent with the requirements of Sections 251 and 252 of the Act. Such negotiations, which may include rates, terms, and conditions for indirect and direct interconnection arrangements under Section 251(a) of the Act and reciprocal compensation arrangements under Section 251(b) of the Act, shall be conducted in good faith. In the event such negotiations are unsuccessful and the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("MPSC") is asked to arbitrate any open issues, the Parties shall submit to the arbitration process and deadlines set forth in Section 252(b) of the Act to settle any open issues relating to direct or indirect interconnection or reciprocal compensation arrangements, pursuant to Sections 251(a) and 251(b) of the Act, respectively.

- 3.03 Notwithstanding Sections 3.01 and 3.02, upon execution of any interconnection agreement between an ICO and a Signatory CMRS Provider subsequent to the date of this Settlement Agreement, the ICO and the Signatory CMRS Provider shall exchange traffic and compensate one another consistent with the terms of that agreement, and BellSouth's obligation to compensate that ICO for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic as set forth in Section 2.02 and that Signatory CMRS Provider's obligation to compensate BellSouth for Covered CMRS Transit Traffic as set forth in Section 2.04 will cease.
- 3.04 An ICO and a Signatory CMRS Provider shall provide BellSouth with a copy of any interconnection agreement that the parties may execute subsequent to the date of this Settlement Agreement or, if publicly available, indicate where such a copy may be obtained.

4.00 No Admission of Liability

- 4.01 It is understood and agreed between the Parties that this Settlement Agreement is a compromise of compensation arrangements and any payments hereunder are not to be construed as an admission of liability or the appropriateness of the level of compensation on the part of any of the Parties, which is expressly denied.
- 4.02 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any of the rights or obligations imposed by Sections 251 or 252 of the Act; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the ICOs shall not claim or make a request before the MPSC for any exemption, modification or suspension of or from Section 251(b)(5) of the Act.
- 4.03 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall preclude any Party from participating in any MPSC proceeding or proceeding before the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") relating to any issue, including transit traffic or interconnection with rural carriers or from petitioning the MPSC or the FCC to resolve any issue, including those related to transit traffic and interconnection with rural carriers. The Parties reach this Settlement Agreement without waiving or prejudicing any positions they have taken previously, or may take in the future, in any judicial, legislative, regulatory, or other public forum addressing any matters, including matters specifically related to, or other types of arrangements prescribed in this Settlement Agreement.

5.00 Warranties

- 5.01 The Parties represent and warrant that they have the sole right and exclusive authority to execute this Settlement Agreement and to make or receive payments hereunder.

- 5 02 The Parties represent and warrant that they have fully read and understand the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and have freely and voluntarily executed this Settlement Agreement. The Parties represent and warrant that they enter into this Settlement Agreement without reliance upon any statement, inducement, promise or representation of the other Party or anyone else not fully expressed herein.
- 5 03 The Parties represent and warrant that they will not, directly or indirectly, seek to have a regulatory agency or court continue this Settlement Agreement or extend the duties, rights, and obligations hereunder beyond the duration of the Settlement Agreement as set forth in Section 3.00
- 5 04 The Parties represent and warrant that during the duration of this Settlement Agreement as set forth in Section 3.00, the terms and conditions set forth herein will be made available on a nondiscriminatory basis to any CMRS Provider in Mississippi that becomes similarly situated to the Signatory CMRS Providers.
- 5 05 The Parties agree that in the event the MPSC or the FCC renders any decision establishing the rights and obligations of originating, terminating and transiting carriers, then upon the request of any Party hereto, the Parties, within sixty (60) days of such request will renegotiate the terms of this Settlement Agreement consistent with such decision

6.00 Entire Agreement and Successors in Interest

- 6.01 This Settlement Agreement reflects the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the settlement contemplated herein, supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements, understandings, communications, representations or warranties, both oral and written, related to the subject matter hereof, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the executors, administrators, personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and successors of each Party.

7.00 Severability of Provisions

- 7 01 The Parties agree that any provision of this Settlement Agreement, which is or becomes prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability, without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction. In the event of the prohibition or unenforceability of any provision of this Settlement Agreement in any jurisdiction, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith to revise such

provision to accomplish the intent of the Parties in a manner permissible and enforceable within such jurisdiction.

8.0 Governing Law

- 8.01 The Settlement Agreement including all matters of construction, validity and performance shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Mississippi without giving effect to the choice of law or conflicts of law provisions thereof.

9.0 Additional Documents and Negotiations

- 9.01 The Parties agree to cooperate fully and execute any and all supplementary documents and to take all additional actions that may be necessary or appropriate to give full force and effect to the terms and intent of this Settlement Agreement, including, but not limited to, resolving any and all operational issues associated with the implementation of the Settlement Agreement
- 9.02 Upon execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties agree to work cooperatively to identify and resolve any other issues associated with the handling of traffic exchanged between the Parties' networks
- 9.03 Nothing herein shall preclude any ICO subject to rate-based rate of return regulation from seeking, consistent with applicable law, to recover revenues lost if any, as a result of the implementation of this Settlement Agreement through a filing before the MPSC.

10.0 Counterparts

- 10.1 This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have fully executed this Settlement Agreement effective as of the 1st day of July, 2003

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: _____
Title: _____

AT&T WIRELESS PCS, LLC, on behalf of itself
and its affiliates AMT Cellular, LLC, DigiCall, Inc.,
TeleCorp Communications, Inc., and Tritel
Communications, Inc.

By: _____
Title: _____

SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. and SPRINTCOM

By: _____
Title: _____

BELLSOUTH MOBILITY LLC d/b/a CINGULAR
WIRELESS and BELLSOUTH PERSONAL
COMMUNICATIONS LLC d/b/a CINGULAR
WIRELESS

By: _____
Title: _____

VERIZON WIRELESS PERSONAL
COMMUNICATIONS LP d/b/a VERIZON
WIRELESS

VERIZON WIRELESS TENNESSEE
PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS
By CELLCO PARTNERSHIP, Its General Partner

By: _____
Title: _____

CENTENNIAL SOUTHEAST LICENSE
COMPANY, LLC d/b/a CENTENNIAL
WIRELESS

By: _____
Title: _____

MISSISSIPPI INCUMBENT RURAL
INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES, on
behalf of, and with the explicit consent of the
Companies listed in Exhibit A to this Agreement .

By: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT A
MISSISSIPPI INCUMBENT RURAL
INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES

ALLTEL Mississippi, Inc
Bay Springs Telephone Company
BPM Noxapater Telephone Company
Bruce Telephone Company
Calhoun City Telephone Company
Decatur Telephone Company
Delta Telephone Company
Franklin Telephone Company
Frontier Communications of Mississippi, Inc.
Fulton Telephone Company
Lakeside Telephone Company
Mound Bayou Telephone Company
Myrtle Telephone Company
Sledge Telephone Company
Smithville Telephone Company
Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company